

**Technical assistance from China for revival of ECL**

†1834. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal from Government of China to provide technical assistance for the revival of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

**Supply of quality coal to NTPC, Kahalgaon**

†1835. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) The category of coal and the quantity purchased every year by NTPC, Kahalgaon;

(b) The grade of coal supplied by ECL, Lalmatia, Jharkhand mines to NTPC Kahalgaon alongwith its annual quantity;

(c) whether NTPC, Kahalgaon have requested for supply of high quality coal; and

(d) if so, the reasons for supplying substandard coal to NTPC, Kahalgaon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) NTPC, Kahalgaon purchases coal from different collieries/coalfields of ECL, including Lalmatia, which is in Rajmahal Open Cast Project, Located in state of Jharkhand. The grade wise & field wise despatch to Kahalgaon Thermal Power Station from Eastern Coalfield Limited (ECL) sources during the last three years are as under:

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